

CLAIMS

- 1 1. A method for creating software, comprising:
2 providing a plurality of nodes and a directory of applications, each of
3 an application being created by use of at least a portion of the plurality of
4 the nodes;
5 selecting at least a portion of the plurality of nodes to create a
6 selected node layout that represent a plurality of application logics; and
7 executing the selected node layout by a server program.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 visually displaying the selected node layout as a visual node layout.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the
2 plurality of application logics includes a user interaction.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the user interaction permits a
2 user to interact with the server program.
- 1 5. The method of claim 3, wherein the user interaction is
2 executable on multiple channels.
- 1 6. The method of claim 3, wherein the user interaction is
2 executable by at least one of web, voice, e-mail and wireless channels.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of nodes
2 includes a user interface node.
- 1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the user interface node
2 includes GUI components and a template for the physical layout of static
3 and dynamic portions of a user display.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein dynamic portions of the user
2 display are used by the server program at runtime to layout application
3 specific GUI components.

1 10. The method of claim 3, wherein the user interaction includes
2 a user interface node, a user interface block node and an interaction node.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the user interface node and
2 user interface block node create a user interaction based on business rules.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the interaction node
2 executes the user interaction.

1 13. The method of claim 1, wherein each node is a visual
2 representation of a software function.

1 14. The interface of claim 10, wherein each node includes inputs
2 to a software function.

1 15. The interface of claim 1, wherein the plurality of nodes
2 includes task node interfaces with external components to exchange data
3 information.

1 16. The method of claim 1, wherein the selected node layout can
2 be debugged visually

1 17.. The method of claim 1, wherein the parameter and properties
2 values of the nodes can be changed dynamically based on business rules

1 18.. The method claim 1, wherein the parameter and properties
2 values can be linked to variables

1 19. The method of claim 1, wherein the application logic is
2 directly executed without compilation of application logic.

1 20. The method of claim 1, wherein the application logic can be
2 paused and saved during execution

1 21. The method of claim 21, wherein the saved application logic
2 can be restored and resumed.

1 22.- The method of claim 22, wherein the saved application logic
2 can be restored and execution resumed on a copy of the server program on
3 a computer other than where it was initially started

1 23. A method for creating software, comprising:
2 providing a plurality of nodes and a directory of applications, each of
3 an application being created by use of at least a portion of the plurality of
4 the nodes;
5 selecting at least a portion of the plurality of nodes to create a
6 selected node layout that represent a plurality of application logics;
7 defining the application logic by selecting at least one of GUI
8 parameters and options in each selected node;
9 executing the selected node layout by a server program.

1 24. The method of claim 23, further comprising:
2 visually displaying the selected node layout as a visual node layout.

1 25. The method of claim 24, further comprising:
2 monitoring a flow of control through each node in the node layout
3 during execution by displaying individual node execution measurements.

1 26. The method of claim 24, wherein the individual node
2 execution measurements include usage counts, total execution time and
3 average execution time.

1 27. The method of claim 23, further comprising:
2 providing documentation of a functional use of a node.

1 28. The method of claim 23, further comprising:
2 providing a graphic description of a plurality of nodes that represent
3 a full application logic.

1 29. The method of claim 23, further comprising:
2 creating a history of different versions of the application logic.

1 30. The method of claim 23, further comprising:
2 creating access control of the application logic.

1 31. The method of claim 30, wherein the access control provides
2 single access of the application logic for purposes of modification and
3 multiple access of the application logic for purposes of viewing.

1 32. The method of claim 23, further comprising:
2 automatically validating the application logic against errors.

3 33. The method of claim 23, further comprising:
4 aggregation at least a portion of the plurality of nodes to create an
5 aggregated node.

1 34. The method of claim 33, wherein the aggregated node is an
2 application logic.

1 35. The method of claim 34, wherein the aggregated node can be
2 used different application logics.

- 1 36. A method for creating software, comprising:
2 providing a plurality of nodes and a directory of applications, each of
3 an application being created by use of at least a portion of the plurality of
4 the nodes;
5 selecting at least a portion of the plurality of nodes to create a
6 selected node layout that represent a plurality of application logics;
7 defining external application interfaces; and
8 executing the selected node layout by a server program.
- 1 37. The method of claim 36, further comprising:
2 establishing conditions for execution of the selected node layout.
- 1 38. The method of claim 37, wherein the conditions for the
2 execution include time based events.
- 1 39. The method of claim 37, wherein the conditions for the
2 execution include programmatic events.
- 1 40. The method of claim 39, wherein selected programmatic
2 events create a trigger for the exeuction of the selected node layout.